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數學(課程甲) 試卷一  
**MATHEMATICS (SYLLABUS A) PAPER I**

8.30 am–10.30 am (2 hours)

This paper must be answered in English

Attempt ALL questions in Section A and any FIVE questions in Section B.  
Full marks will not be given unless the method of solution is shown.

### FORMULAS FOR REFERENCE

SPHERE	Surface area	$= 4\pi r^2$
	Volume	$= \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
CYLINDER	Area of curved surface	$= 2\pi r h$
	Volume	$= \pi r^2 h$
CONE	Area of curved surface	$= \pi r l$
	Volume	$= \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
PRISM	Volume	$= \text{base area} \times \text{height}$
PYRAMID	Volume	$= \frac{1}{3} \times \text{base area} \times \text{height}$

**SECTION A** Answer ALL questions in this section.

There is no need to start each question in this section on a fresh page.  
Geometry theorems need not be quoted when used.

1. (a) Factorize  $a^4 - 16$  and  $a^3 - 8$ .

- (b) Find the L.C.M. of  $a^4 - 16$  and  $a^3 - 8$ .

(5 marks)

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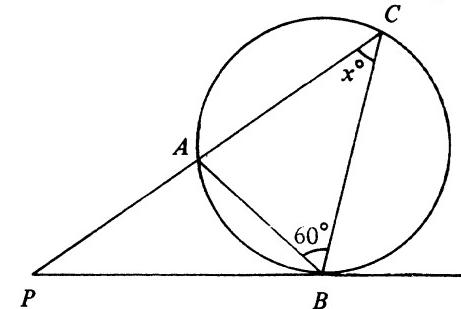


Figure 1

In Figure 1,  $PB$  touches the circle  $ABC$  at  $B$ .  $PAC$  is a straight line.  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ .  $AP = AB$ . Find the value of  $x$ .

(5 marks)

3. Given a curve whose equation is  $y = x^3 - hx + k$ , where  $h$  and  $k$  are constants. The curve passes through  $P(2, 3)$  and the slope of the curve at  $P$  is 10. Find the values of  $h$  and  $k$ .

(5 marks)

4. Given  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx - 1$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $x - 1$ . When divided by  $x + 1$ ,  $f(x)$  leaves a remainder of 4. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(6 marks)

5. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 + kx + 1 = 0$ , where  $k$  is a constant.
- Find, in terms of  $k$ ,
    - $(\alpha + 2) + (\beta + 2)$ ,
    - $(\alpha + 2)(\beta + 2)$ .
  - Suppose  $\alpha + 2$  and  $\beta + 2$  are the roots of  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are constants. Find  $p$  and  $q$  in terms of  $k$ . (6 marks)
6. Solve  $2 \tan^2 \theta = 1 - \tan \theta$ , where  $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$ . (Give your answers correct to the nearest degree.) (6 marks)

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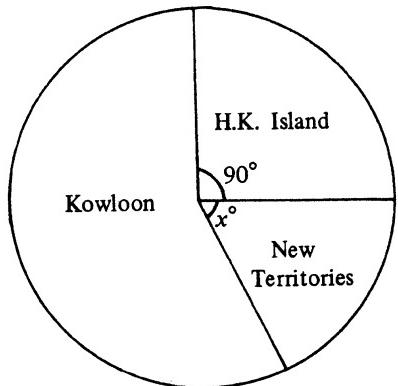


Figure 2

The pie-chart in Figure 2 shows the distribution of traffic accidents in Hong Kong in 1983. There were 4200 traffic accidents on H.K. Island, 9240 accidents in Kowloon and  $n$  accidents in the New Territories. Find  $n$  and  $x$ . (6 marks)

**SECTION B** Answer **FIVE** questions in this section.  
Each question carries **12** marks.

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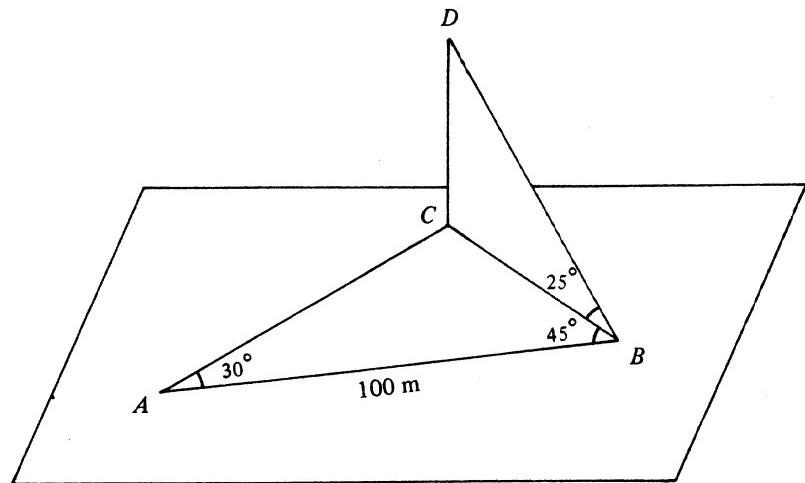


Figure 3

In Figure 3,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three points in a horizontal plane.  $AB = 100$  m.  $\angle CAB = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle ABC = 45^\circ$ .

- Find  $BC$  and  $AC$ , in metres, correct to 1 decimal place. (5 marks)
- $D$  is a point vertically above  $C$ . From  $B$ , the angle of elevation of  $D$  is  $25^\circ$ .
  - Find  $CD$ , in metres, correct to 1 decimal place.
  - $X$  is a point on  $AB$  such that  $CX \perp AB$ .
    - Find  $CX$ , in metres, correct to 1 decimal place.
    - Find the angle of elevation of  $D$  from  $X$ , correct to the nearest degree. (7 marks)

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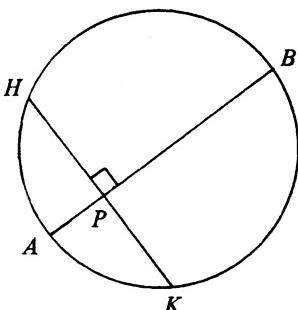


Figure 4

In Figure 4,  $A(2, 0)$  and  $B(7, 5)$  are the end-points of a diameter of the circle.  $P$  is a point on  $AB$  such that  $\frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{1}{4}$ .

- (a) Find the equation of the circle. (3 marks)
- (b) Find the coordinates of  $P$ . (2 marks)
- (c) The chord  $HPK$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .
  - (i) Find the equation of  $HPK$ .
  - (ii) Find the coordinates of  $H$  and  $K$ . (7 marks)

10. (a) If two dice are thrown,

- (i) find the probability that the sum of the numbers on the two dice is greater than 9 ;
- (ii) find the probability that the sum of the numbers on the two dice is greater than 9 or the numbers on the two dice are equal. (6 marks)

(b) In a game, two dice are thrown. In each throw, 2 points are gained if the sum of the numbers on the two dice is greater than 9 or the numbers on the two dice are equal; otherwise 1 point is lost. Using the result in (a)(ii), find the probability of

- (i) losing a total of 2 points in two throws,
- (ii) gaining a total of 1 point in two throws. (6 marks)

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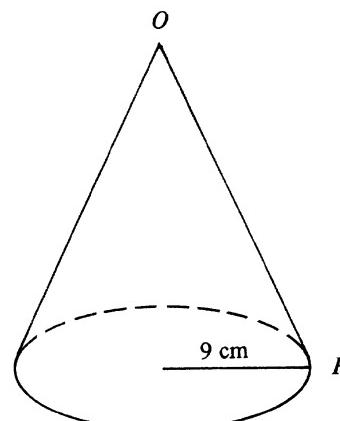


Figure 5(a)

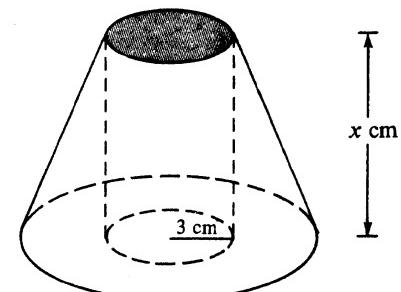


Figure 5(b)

Figure 5(a) shows a solid right circular cone.  $O$  is the vertex and  $P$  is a point on the circumference of the base. The area of the curved surface is  $135\pi \text{ cm}^2$  and the radius of the base is 9 cm.

- (a) (i) Find the length of  $OP$ .  
 (ii) Find the height of the cone. (5 marks)
- (b) The cone in Figure 5(a) is cut into two portions by a plane parallel to its base. The upper portion is a cone of base radius 3 cm. The lower portion is a frustum of height  $x$  cm.
  - (i) Find the value of  $x$ .
  - (ii) A right cylindrical hole of radius 3 cm is drilled through the frustum (see Figure 5(b)). Find the volume of the solid which remains in the frustum. (Give your answer in terms of  $\pi$ .) (7 marks)

12. If you attempt this question, you should refer to the separate supplementary leaflet provided.

Figure 6 shows the graph of

$$y = x^3 + x \quad \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 2.$$

- (a) (i) Draw a suitable straight line in Figure 6 and hence find, correct to 1 decimal place, the real root of the equation

$$x^3 + x - 1 = 0.$$

- (ii) By the method of magnification, find the real root of the equation in (i), correct to 2 decimal places.

(7 marks)

- (b) (i) Expand and simplify the expression

$$(x + 1)^4 - (x - 1)^4.$$

- (ii) Using the result in (a)(ii), find, correct to 2 decimal places, the real root of the equation

$$(x + 1)^4 - (x - 1)^4 = 8.$$

(5 marks)

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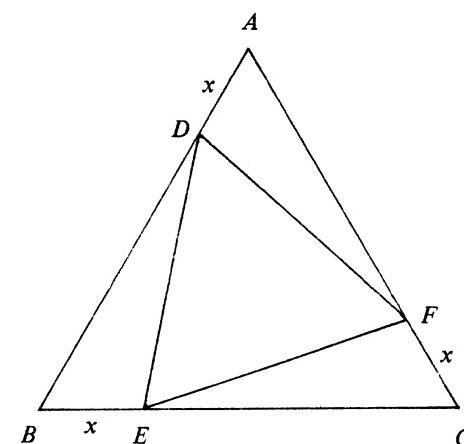


Figure 7

In Figure 7,  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.  $AB = 2$ .  $D, E, F$  are points on  $AB, BC, CA$  respectively such that  $AD = BE = CF = x$ .

- (a) By using the cosine formula or otherwise, express  $DE^2$  in terms of  $x$ .

(3 marks)

- (b) Show that the area of  $\triangle DEF = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (3x^2 - 6x + 4)$ .

Hence, by using the method of completing the square, find the value of  $x$  such that the area of  $\triangle DEF$  is smallest.

(5 marks)

- (c) If the area of  $\triangle DEF \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ , find the range of the values of  $x$ .

(4 marks)

14. \$P\$ is deposited in a bank at the interest rate of  $r\%$  per annum compounded annually. At the end of each year,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the amount in the account (including principal and interest) is drawn out and the remainder is redeposited at the same rate.

Let  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ , ... denote respectively the sums of money drawn out at the end of the first year, second year, third year, ... .

- (a) (i) Express  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  in terms of  $P$  and  $r$ .  
(ii) Show that  $Q_3 = \frac{4}{27}P(1 + r\%)^3$ .  
(5 marks)
- (b)  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ , ... form a geometric progression. Find the common ratio in terms of  $r$ .  
(2 marks)
- (c) Suppose  $Q_3 = \frac{27}{128}P$ .  
(i) Find the value of  $r$ .  
(ii) If  $P = 10\,000$ , find  $Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + \dots + Q_{10}$ . (Give your answer correct to the nearest integer.)  
(5 marks)

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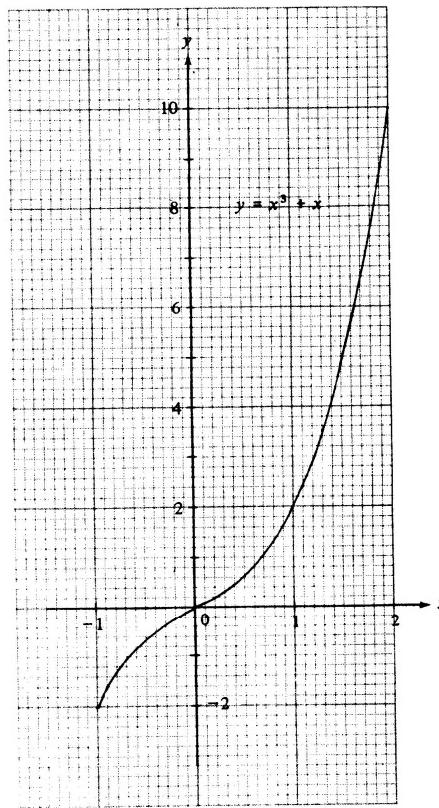


Figure 6